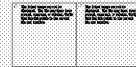


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Latest News

**Rep. Shimkus Touts TSCA Reform's
Regulatory Certainty As Major Victory**

Rep. John Shimkus (R-IL) is touting regulatory certainty for chemical manufacturers and other proponents of chemical safety reform as a major win in the final legislation to overhaul the decades old Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), which the Senate approved June 7 and sent to President Obama for his expected signature.

**Sen. Udall Says EPA's Funding Adequate To
Start Implementing TSCA Reform**

Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM) -- a key figure in crafting the final Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) reform bill and also a top Democrat on the Senate appropriations panel -- says EPA's existing funding is adequate for the agency to start implementing the TSCA overhaul, and that EPA is unlikely to get a budget boost because of the bill.

**Senators Seek Environmental Amendments
To Defense Authorization Bill**

Senators from both sides of the aisle are seeking to attach environmental amendments to the pending fiscal year 2017 defense authorization bill -- including a measure that significantly impedes implementation of EPA's 2015 tighter air standard for ozone -- despite President Obama's threat to veto the bill due to broad objections over national security and foreign policy measures.

**EPA Moves To Strike 'Affirmative Defenses'
From State, Federal Air Permits**

EPA is proposing to strike from federal regulations governing state and federal air permits for industrial facilities "affirmative defense" provisions that shield

companies from some liability for emissions limit violations, but is leaving open the option for states to allow such defenses in future permits if they are based solely on state laws.

Former CASAC Chairman Says Panel Should Consider Costs Of NAAQS

A former chairman of EPA's Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) is asking the panel to evaluate possible adverse health, economic, social, energy or other aspects of implementing EPA's national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) -- part of the panel's mandate that industry and GOP critics say it has never discharged.

EPA Advisors Urge Quick Action On Key Solvent, Call For Broader Review

EPA science advisors are generally praising the agency's draft human health risk assessment of the solvent 1-bromopropane (1-BP) and urging the agency to act quickly to reduce exposures, while also citing new biomarker reports on possible wide exposures in pressing EPA to reconsider its decision not to assess risks to bystanders.

House GOP Open To Discussing Water Infrastructure Bills In WRDA Talks

House Republicans are open to discussing pending legislation options to boost water infrastructure funding as part of upcoming conference talks with the Senate on this year's Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), says a water industry source, though it is unclear which proposals the GOP might be willing to consider.

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News Briefs

White House Threatens Veto Of Ozone NAAQS Delay Bill

The White House is threatening to veto legislation the House approved June 8 that would delay implementation of EPA's stricter 2015 ozone national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS), and would also extend the review cycle for all future NAAQS from the existing five-year Clean Air Act timeline to a 10-year review cycle.

U.S., Canada Designate Great Lakes Chemicals Of Concern

The United States and Canada have targeted eight chemicals of concern for the Great Lakes as part of a binational agreement to improve the water quality in the shared lakes and protect human health by reducing anthropogenic releases of the chemicals.

EPA IG Reviewing Agency Air Inspectors' Qualifications

EPA's Office of Inspector General (IG) is launching an investigation of the qualifications of the agency's inspectors who verify industrial facilities' Clean Air Act compliance, following a 2013 report by the IG that found one-third of EPA's inspectors for the agency's risk management program (RMP) lacked the proper credentials.

Senate Approves Landmark Bipartisan TSCA Reform Bill

The Senate on June 7 approved by voice vote landmark bipartisan legislation to overhaul the 1976 Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and give EPA a slew of new powers to evaluate risks from new and existing chemicals, sending the legislation to President Obama who is expected to sign it into law.

House Science Panel Chairman Faults EPA Glyphosate Review

House science panel Chairman Lamar Smith (R-TX) is faulting EPA's handling of its ongoing cancer analysis of the common herbicide glyphosate, asking the agency to provide officials for interviews with the panel after EPA pulled back a review that conflicted with a World Health Organization finding the substance probably causes cancer.

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